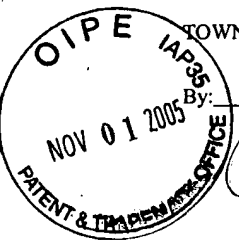


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Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time from September 30, 2005 to October 30, 2005 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor, and any additional fee that may be due, to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.